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Texas’ academic achievement growth has stopped.
Resulting from changes made since 2010

- Reduction in state funding by $5 Billion
- Lowering of graduation standards, especially in STEM
- Weakening of accountability system
Texas is not keeping up with rising workforce expectations

59%

of all Texas jobs will require some postsecondary training by 2020, up from 57% in 2010

Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce

20.9%

of students in Texas who began 8th grade in 2005 and received a certificate or degree from a Texas college or university within six years of their anticipated high school graduation date

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Texas must purposefully invest in public education

- Increase public education expenditures
- Target investments to workforce-aligned outcomes
- Account for variation in cost of education across the state